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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Volume I of Studies Series: *Konungs Skuggsjá*. Translation and Critical Introduction by Professor L. M. Larson, University of Illinois is in active preparation. It is expected that this work will be ready for issue in July, 1912.

The next annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study will be held at Northwestern University in April. Printed programs will be sent to members two weeks before the meeting.

The Secretary has received from Corresponding Member Dr. Gudmund Schütte, Copenhagen, a paper entitled "Gothonic Names" being the results in part of Dr. Schütte's researches into early Teutonic tribal names. This study by the eminent Danish scholar which is the first exhaustive investigation of the subject we have, will be read at the next annual meeting of the Society. Dr. Schütte's study on the home of the Beowulf saga will appear in the July, 1912, number of the *Journal of English and Germanic Philology*.

Probably no one in America is qualified to speak on the subject of the Vinland sagas of Norse-American discovery as is Professor Julius E. Olson. In the next number of the Proceedings Professor Olson will present some new material upon this subject in connection with a review of Nansen's *In Northern Mists*.

The American-Scandinavian Society held its annual meeting in New York, December 11, 1911. According to the new constitution adopted at this meeting the Society is now an advisory body to the American-Scandinavian foundation created by the recent bequest of Niels Poulson, founder of the Society. In the new constitution Article VIII on Affiliated Societies provides that: "American-Scandinavian societies, and Scandinavian organizations in the United States or in Denmark, Norway, or Sweden, having in addition to their local interests, the same general aim as the Society, may become affiliated with the Society when so elected by the Executive Committee." Affiliated organizations may send one delegate to the annual meeting of the American Scandinavian Society and such delegate has a voice and vote in the deliberations of the Society. The objects of the Society remain, as heretofore, primarily the cultivation of closer relations between the United States of American and the Scandinavian countries and to advance the knowledge of Scandinavian culture among the American public, particularly among descendants of Scandinavians. The new constitution specifies as the methods by which these objects are to be attained supporting Scandinavian publications, printed in English, which advance the purpose of the Society, giving of stipends for research, and holding every second year in some American city an American-Scandi-

navian conference. The principal office of the Society is to be in New York City and the annual meetings are to be held there. The new president is Mr. John A. Gade, New York; Professor Carl Lorentzen was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. There was elected a Board of Trustees of twenty-one members. The Secretary reported that the Society now has 350 members.

A Phototypic edition of the *Speculum Regale*. The members of our Society and other friends of Scandinavian study will, I think, be interested in the announcement that I have in preparation a phototypic and diplomatic edition of the Old Norwegian *Konungs Skuggsjá* or *Speculum Regale*. The text that will be reproduced is that of the main Ms. 243 b, a, folio, which forms part of the great arnamagnean collection of manuscripts in the Royal Library at Copenhagen. This is a parchment codex of sixty-eight leaves, 27×21 cm. large, going back to the thirteenth century; it is written in a regular hand, frequently employs highly ornamental initials and is in every way a beautiful example of Old Norse writing, as the purity of its language and the importance of its contents as a document in Scandinavian culture make it the most valuable treasure in all Old Norwegian literature. The Arnamagnean Commission have graciously granted the privilege of having photographed this unique manuscript for the purpose of this edition. The photographic plates have been made by Det kongelige Bibliotheks Ateliér at the Royal Library; the phototypic work will be done by the well-known firm of Pacht & Crones Illustrations-Etablissement, Copenhagen, by whom the similar edition of the *Codex Regius* of the Elder Edda was printed; and the diplomatic text will probably be printed by Bianco Lunos Bogtrykkeri. There will be an Introduction on the manuscript and the language and Notes to the text. The edition will be limited to 300 copies. Because of the clearness and general excellence of the Ms. which facilitates the phototypic work and because of the unusual facilities that Pacht & Crone possess for doing such work the edition can be gotten out at a cost so as to be able to guarantee to subscribers in advance copies at the rate of \$12, until 200 subscriptions have been received. The publishing price will be \$15. This arrangement is being made in order that members of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, and others through this Society, may secure the benefit of the lower price by subscribing in advance. It is hoped that the work may be issued early next fall. Send orders, but no money, to me.

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